

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2572

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby veto H.B. 187 because of the following objections:

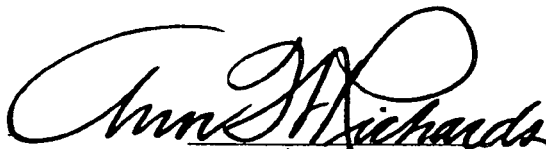
This bill would prohibit the Department of Public Safety from giving the names of speeders to other law enforcement agencies or insurance companies unless the speeders were driving at speeds greater than 70 miles per hour. The effect of this bill would be to abolish speed limits between 55 and 70 miles per hour, causing an increase in traffic accidents, injuries, and deaths. It would also lead to escalating auto insurance costs.

Because Texas is near the 50 percent limit for compliance with national speed limits, any further reduction in compliance will lead to the transfer of federal highway construction funds to safety programs. This bill would also be an administrative nightmare for the Department of Public Safety, since it would have to establish two sets of records for speeding violations.

The 55 miles per hour speed limit has contributed to an almost 50 percent drop in auto fatalities since 1981. The savings in lives alone is sufficient reason to veto this bill.

The Secretary of State will take notice of this action and will notify the members of the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20 day of June, 1993.

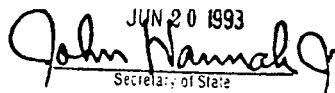
  
Ann W. Richards  
Governor of Texas



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John Hannah  
Secretary of State